canals to safeguard agricultural interests, according as the place affected is estuary, river or canal.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Since the rate depends upon the variety of the fish, have the Government thought of revising the rates where it is reported that the catch is less?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Complaints that come from the stake-owners are looked into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—May I know when the license fees mentioned in the previous question was fixed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—At the time of the settlement.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Have there been any change subsequent to that?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of revising the rates in view of the fact that the catch is going down?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The rates are in force for the term of the existing settlement.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Revision means either increase or decrease?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is any relief given to the actual sufferers?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—In cases here actual suffering has been proved, relief is given in appropriate cases.

Cattle theft in Trichur Town.

222. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of cattle theft cases registered in the Trichur Town station this year;

(b) did one Panickar, conducting a coffee club on the eastern side of Poonkunnam Railway station, lose one cow this year;

(c) does the District Superintendent of Police investigate personally all the cattle theft cases;

(d) did the Trichur District Superintendent of Police investigate the above mentioned cattle theft case; if so, when and with that result?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Nil.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No answer is necessary in view of answers to (a) and (b).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How did the Government know whether one Panicker lost a cow?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—By making enquiries to see if such a Panickar's cow was lost.

Suicide of one Thupran of Azhikode.

223. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Will the Government state:—

(1) whether one Thupran belonging to Azhikode village committed suicide recently;

(2) the circumstances under which he was forced to end his life?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) He was suffering from stomach-ache of a chronic nature for the past few years and was therefore unable to work and earn his livelihood. He was sent out of his brother's house where he was living and had nobody to help him. So he became disgusted with life and committed suicide.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, has the Hon'ble Member for Police any information to give us whether this particular labourer who committed suicide applied to any Government servant or officer for any help?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is said, Sir, that he was forced to vacate the house. Has the Hon'ble Member for Police any information as to who forced him to vacate the house?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—So far as the records show, it is his own brother who turned him out of the house.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether the statistics relating to suicide due to economic causes are not high in our State?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I don't think so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were not some specific figures given on the floor of this very House about the number of suicides in the State?

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